Appl. No. Unassigned; Docket No. NL 021448 US

Amdt. dated May 31, 2005

Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment(s) to claim(s) was/were to put them in a better format

for examination and to remove any multiple-dependent claims.

The claim(s) was/were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and

Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of

Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter

deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing

applications.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR

§1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition

for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension

of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may

now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but

excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment,

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